

# CREDITS

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—DON'T EVEN  
LEAVE HIS  
TRACE IN MY  
MEMORY...

THAT ONE  
EVENT FROM  
THE PAST ...

Machida Hiroshi



Your Smile





OH,  
THANKS

I'LL DO  
IT

IT'S  
USELESS  
TO BE  
SAD. IF  
CONCEIVED

IT ONLY  
SEE WAS A  
BIT NICER...

KAZUHA

TOP  
TAP

KAZUHA

NEVER AND,  
HARUO AND  
HIS GANG  
WEREN'T  
SERIOUS

HE HAD A  
CRUSH ON  
MARIKA, SO  
HE'S BEING  
HARSH

WHY?  
THAT'S  
BASTARD!

SURE, WHY?  
HARUO AND HIS  
GANG WERE  
SITTING ON ME  
THIS MORNING

IT'S  
BETTER  
THAN AN  
UNPOPULAR  
GIRL,  
RIGHT?

IT'S SUCH  
A WORDY  
PERSON DURING  
A POPULAR  
ONE.

STILL, BE  
CAREFUL.

WHAT'S  
THIS  
ABOUT?





THAT ONE EVENT FROM  
THE PAST...



...DON'T EVEN LEAVE ITS  
TRACE IN MY MEMORIES



Tap

Slide

YOU'RE LATE!

HIGASHI SLEEPING, ISN'T HE?

YOU'VE MADE ME WAIT FOR SO LONG!



I'M SORRY!  
I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
HARUM.



HARUM,  
YOU'RE  
LATE!

NOOOO!



WE'RE  
GOING  
OUT

WELL...



NO  
PROBLEM

HEY KOTKA, I  
WANT TO CROP  
BY SOMEWHERE  
BEFORE GOING  
HOME



HMM

I  
SCARED  
HER

JUST  
TELL IT  
AS IT IS

HEY, DON'T  
TELL ME SHE  
CAN'T GET UP







WHY WHAT THE  
HECK, JP



KOOTA



MAI...



THINKING  
OF YOU, OF  
COURSE.

I KNEW  
IT!



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
THINKING  
OF?





...FEEL LIKE  
AM I NOT TOO  
SHOUDING  
OVER IT



Sorry I  
look so  
long

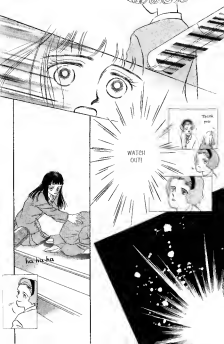
ONE NIGHT  
TO BE WITH  
NORMAL GUY



IF THAT'S  
THE CASE,  
DON'T GO  
CRYING LIKE  
THAT











Is there still any  
chance to enjoy







ROCKA, I  
HEARD THAT  
OTHER GUY  
YOU WERE—

SORRY,  
I'M IN A  
HURRY.

HEY,  
ROCKA!

Get me out  
of here—

CRATTLE



SOME-  
BANG  
CLUTTER

CHAP, I JUST  
HAD TO BE  
DISTURBED AT  
A TIME LIKE  
THIS



IT'S OK,  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT...

I'M SORRY  
FOR WHAT  
I DID

WAKARU

HEET

I FOUND IT  
THE FLORIDA  
BOARDSHIP  
FOR HER

IT WASN'T  
ON PLATFORM,  
RIGHT?

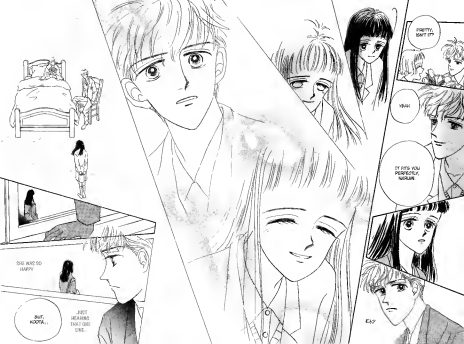
LEAVE

HEY,  
KODOKA

NOPE, THAT  
PRETTY YELLOW  
TLEP!

HEY  
KODOKA,  
LOOK AT  
THIS!

THANK  
YOU



PRETTY,  
ISN'T IT?

YEAH

IT FITS YOU  
PERFECTLY,  
NOLAN

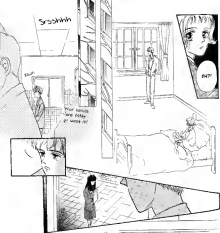
CAP

ONE WOULD BE  
HAPPY

BUT,  
NOOTA...

...JUST  
HEARING  
THAT ONE  
CURE









BECAUSE OF  
 AM YOU NEED  
 SORT OUT THE  
 DATA AS WELL.



SORRY  
 AND ALL







I'M  
SERIOUS.

WAAAAA,  
IN WHAT  
WORLD?



IF YOUR  
OWNERS  
DO SOMETHING,  
TELL YOU  
CAN BLAME  
IT ON ME!

YOU'RE  
NOT KIND,  
KOOKA.



YOU MAKE ME  
HAPPY THE  
OTHER DAY.



BUT



WATCH  
OUT!





ARE YOU ONLY  
THE NOISE  
FAULTY TOOL  
SPRINGING OUT  
LIKE THAT.

NOBODY,  
DON'T PLAY  
HERE!

There  
nothing  
here  
at all

Shy!



SOME OK, GO  
OUT WITH ME,  
MARLIN-MONEY ..

QUIT IT NOW  
ARE YOU GUNS  
STEALING ME?

DON'T YOU  
KNOW?

HARIO AND  
HIS GANG  
WERE LETTING  
ON ME THIS  
MORNING

THEY'RE  
GONE  
AFTER YOU  
KIDDER

EH?

SO BE  
CAREFUL



THANKS BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE JUST SPREADED LIKE JAM ON BREAD



IT'S TRUE IF WE HADN'T PUSHED HER AGAINST THE WALL...

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND WOULD HAVE FALLEN DOWN THE STAIRS.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS SHE ♀



ALL THE DAY WAS APOLOGIZING

I'M SORRY

I'M SORRY

SHE DIDN'T TELL ME THIS



creek



HA?

HE SAID THAT YOU ASKED FOR ME

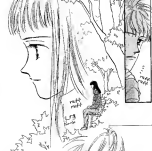
SO YOU WERE HERE

OH KOOKAI

YOU DIDN'T COULD IT BE SHE WAS SAVING ME FROM HURRAY'S GANG?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY OUTSIDES?

HURRAY'S FRIENDS, HURRAY?





grrrrshhh

W-HO  
SUCH  
THING?

SHOULD  
SUCH  
THING?

SORRY IF  
HAPPY BEEN  
A BURDEN  
TO YOU



HOW'S MAE  
AT SCHOOL?



IT'S HER  
BROTHER  
AFTER  
ALL

OH SORRY,  
IT MUST BE  
DIFFICULT TO  
ANSWER  
RIGHT?



MAE...

BUT AS HER  
BROTHER, I BELIEVE  
THAT SHE CAN BE  
BEAUTIFUL IF SHE  
KNOWS HOW TO  
PRESENT HERSELF  
PROPERLY

MAE...

SHE'LL ONLY  
BE CONSIDERED  
AS A COLD  
PERSON

BUT OTHERS  
WILL UNDER-  
STAND

SHE HADN'T  
BEEN ABLE TO  
EXPRESS  
HERSELF SINCE  
YOUNG

I LOVE MY  
SISTER, SO I  
FEEL THAT SHE  
IS THE ONLY ONE  
WHO CAN  
PROTECT HER.

OUR  
PARENTS  
ARE BUSY  
AND THEY'RE  
SELDOM  
HOME.

HE ONLY  
OPENS UP  
TO ME.

HEM...

HOWEVER...

SHE SAID  
YOU'RE A NICE  
PERSON.

SHE WAS  
TOUCHED BY  
YOUR KIND-  
NESS.

AT THE  
BEGINNING OF  
THE YEAR, SHE  
MENTIONED A  
GUY'S NAME FOR  
THE FIRST TIME.

YOU'RE  
SO KIND,  
KODOKI.

SHE?

HIS NAME  
WAS  
KODOKI.

YOU MADE  
ME HAPPY  
THE OTHER  
DAY.

~~~~~



WHY



DO  
ABOUT

WHY DID  
SHE—



I HEARD  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
WITH  
KIDUN.

I'M  
STILL



COULD  
EVER



BUT ...

WHY  
WAST

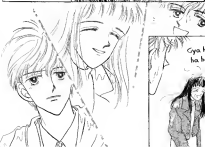




Wet all over



GYAA  
STOP IT!





Okay, the next letter...



Yesterday  
Feb...

SHE SAID  
YOU'RE A NICE  
PERSON

AM ONLY  
OPENING UP  
TO ME



WOMAN'S  
POLICE

I'M STILL  
THE ONE  
WHO  
CALLED



... REALLY  
NOTICED  
HER

IT'S THE  
FIRST TIME  
THAT I'VE



The  
remembered  
song is...



King



Really, I know  
you were listening to it

It  
wasn't  
my  
love

You like the  
Japanese Night  
program, right?

Yeah

When do  
I come  
to your  
room?

Why?

Do I come  
to your room  
when you  
hear this  
song?

I WANT TO  
PROTECT YOU



I Want to  
Protect  
You





ROOM



OH,  
YOU'RE  
ALONE?



KISS  
ME.

HEY,  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY IS  
COMING  
SOON.

NEXT  
LESSON IS  
CHEMISTRY.  
TALK'S  
NAY.

YEAH, I  
PROMISE.

PROMISE ME  
THAT WE'LL GO  
SCHOOL ON THE  
MVA AND SPEND  
THE TOGETHER!

WELL,  
WELL  
THEN...

LEAVE IT  
ALL TO  
ME!



Rattle

OH, SURE!

THERE ON THE MORN...

WE WILL...

WELL, IT'S OK!



Hehehe





NO ONE WILL  
KNOW OF  
YOUR KIND  
DEED



IF THAT'S HOW  
YOU DO IT, NO  
ONE WILL KNOW  
WHO SAVED IT









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HEY, NARLANE!

IS THERE NO ONE TO ASK IT TOP?

YOU'RE NOT BUYING CHOCOLATE, ARE?

HOOPS OVER THERE

HEY, WE'RE GOING ON A DATE.



I'M GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU



HEY?

GLAD IT?

LET'S GO OUT TOGETHER!

POUNCE



NARLANE-HONEY.



**SMACK**

IT LOOKS  
LIKE HE'S  
REALLY  
POGGED OFF  
TODAY

AWALLO'S  
LOST IT

KOOTAY

AWALLO'S  
ALSO HELPING  
HER OUT

**THUD**



DON'T!!!





BE TREASURES MOST

THE ONE

DON'T!

THAT'S WHY...

THAT'S WHY...

I'VE GOT NO BUSINESS WITH YOU!

GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU UGLY B\*\*\*H!!

THAT'S WHY...

I WILL  
PROTECT  
HER!

THIS  
VOICE

THE-

DON'T JUST  
KEEP QUIET!

I WILL  
PROTECT  
HER!





SAY SOMETHING!

KOOFU!

KOOFU!

WHY ARE YOU  
SILENT EVEN  
AFTER BEING  
ABUSED LIKE  
THIS?



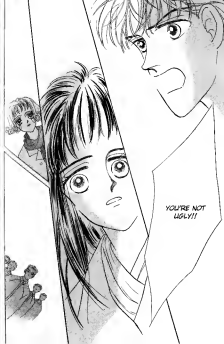
BECAUSE...

PROTECT  
YOURSELF!

FIGHT  
BACK!



BE  
HAPPY!



YOU'RE NOT  
UGLY!!







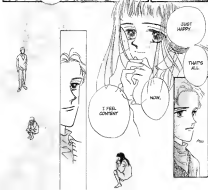


HA...



I'M ALL  
FRONT

I'M



JUST  
HAPPY

THAT'S  
ALL

NO, NO,

I FEEL  
COMFORT





OUR  
SCAIDS WILL  
BE DEFEAT-  
ED BY AN  
KARAOKE FILM  
CLASS 2-B.

Oh student  
excitement!

YES!

LET'S ALL  
HIGH HER  
WELL!

SHE WILL  
LEAVE ON  
THE MTS.

You can  
believe in  
your heart  
now.

THAT  
WILL  
BE...

BETTER  
FOR ME...

YES!

YES!  
GO



SURE

TOMORROW,  
OK?

WE'LL MEET  
UP AT THE  
PLACE I  
CONFESSED  
TO YOU!

FRIDAY-  
EVENING?

KOOTA



DON'T BE  
LATE

AND DRESS  
WELL



TOMORROW



I KNOW

YOU WILL  
LEAVE





HEY



LOVE



SHE SAID  
SHE WANTED  
TO CHANGE  
HERSELF



SHE DECIDED  
THAT ON  
HER OWN



ONCE THAT TIME,  
SHE COULD ONLY  
SEE YOU

MAI...

I TOLD YOU  
SHE WAS  
TOUCHED BY  
YOUR KIND-  
NESS.



WHY DOES  
SHE THINK  
SO HIGHLY  
OF ME?



SO SHE'S  
DOING THIS  
WITHOUT  
RESERVE

SHE ALSO  
SAID SHE  
UNDERSTOOD  
YOUR WORDS





SHE DIDN'T  
GIVE ME ALL  
THE DETAILS

AT THE  
BEGINNING  
OF THE  
YEAR, FOR  
THE FIRST  
TIME...



THAT  
MAYBE



SHE SAID  
YOU HELPED  
HER



WHEN SHE WAS  
GIVEN A HARD  
QUESTION



WHAT DID  
I SAY?

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
THAT AT  
ALL



AND  
STILL...



BECAUSE  
OF THAT  
EVENT...

But it  
really  
happened?

Happy



WHAT?

BY THE WAY,  
CLASS-  
COORDINATOR

GLADY! WILL  
YOU BE  
GOOD?

SORRY!

YOU REMEM-  
BERED WHAT  
I SAID AT  
THAT TIME,  
GLADY?

YOU  
REMEMBER,  
DON'T YOU?

WHAT?

WHAT? WHY  
TELL ME?

I WOULDN'T  
TELL YOU  
EVEN IF I  
REMEM-  
BERED!

TEACHER'S  
ROOM

IF YOU WANT TO  
KNOW, GO GET OUR  
CLASS-COORDINATOR,  
GLADY-SENSEI.

GLADY-  
SENSEI!

IT SHOULD BE  
VIDEO-TAPED  
SINCE IT WAS  
THE OPENING  
CEREMONY.

Let's go  
and  
capture  
it when  
we start

WHAT WAS IT  
THAT I SAID?

BUMP







IMPOSSIBLE



rewind



JUST  
THAT?



IS THIS IT?





BECAUSE HE  
ASKED AN  
AMBIGUOUS  
QUESTION  
TO THAT BOY  
WHO ALWAYS  
KEPT TO  
HIDESELF

ALL I  
WANTED TO  
DO WAS  
HAVE THE  
CLASS  
CLASHING IN  
CONFUSION.

THAT TIME, I  
WAS VERY  
AMUSED WITH  
THE CLASS  
CHATTERING



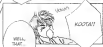
WELL, NOT  
REPLY

THINKING  
AND  
THINKING  
IN A  
SILENT  
MOMENT

NOT YOU,  
NOT YOU  
KUSANE? I  
NEED YOU  
FORGIVEN!



WAIT A SECOND!  
IF YOU RECENTLY  
LISTENING, JUST  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT BY "TOXIC  
QUESTION"?



WELL,  
THAT...

KUSANE!



ISN'T  
THAT  
RIGHT?

SHOULDN'T  
NEED TO BE  
QUESTIONED



IS THIS  
IT?



NOT

HOW  
ELEGANT  
YOU GET?



BUT  
JUST ONE  
THAT?

HOW CAN THOSE  
INSIGNIFICANT  
WORDS

THE OTHER  
DAY



YOU  
MADE ME  
HAPPY.



BUT  
ALTHOUGH  
SHE KNEW I  
COULDN'T  
REMEMBER  
IT

SHE WASN'T  
SORRY

...ALAM GO  
MUCH TO YOU?



OVER THE  
TRIVIAL  
MATTER...



I want to  
protect you

There are all the  
things that

have entered  
your pain



VERGELY





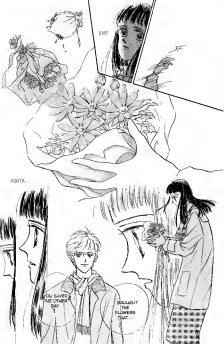
ROOTA

I KNEW  
YOU'D  
COME

TASION





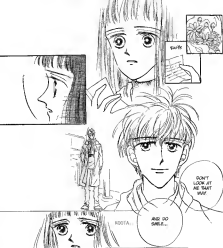


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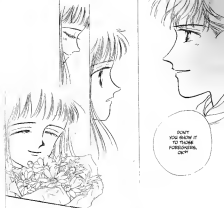
KOOTA

YOU SAVED  
ME OTHER  
DAY

RECALLED  
THE  
FLOWERS  
THAT...



HOWEVER,  
THAT GIRLS OF  
YOUR...



DON'T  
YOU BRING IT  
TO THOSE  
FOLLOWERS,  
OK?



AT THE  
MOMENT ...



*I, who has hurt  
a girl's feeling.*



*that you're the  
one I secretly  
want to protect.*

*may not  
deserved to  
say this.*



*I want to protect you...*



*...more than anyone else.*

-THE END-